

**REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

Claims 1, 5, 7 and 11 are amended; claims 2 – 4, 8 – 10 and 12 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 7 and 11 are independent.

In the present response, the claims 1, 7 and 11 are respectively amended to incorporate the features of one of the cancelled claims 4 and 10. No new matter is added.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

In the Office Action, page 8, the Office indicates that claims 4, 5 and 10 contain allowable subject matter.

In the present response, the claims 1, 7 and 11 are respectively amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from one of the cancelled claims 4 and 10. Therefore, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 7 and 11 are patentable over the cited references. Claims 5 and 6 are patentable for at least the reason that they depend from and inherit all the features of claim 1, with each dependent claim containing further distinguishing features.

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**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. It is believed that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is warranted per MPEP 706.07(e).

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